

that pays a lot of little yuppie college kids to do volunteer work and get paid for the volunteer work. They were doing it for free. The President, if an upper middle class family, the President is going to pay them. Might be a good program if they are a Democrat. I do not know. It does not make much sense to me in the real world.

But I do not want my grandmother's retirement money going into that, and the President is going to say, "I want 38 percent of your Social Security money, grandmother, and we're going to spend it on other programs."

That is wrong, Mr. President, and I hope the Democrats will join me in saying let us preserve and protect Social Security and only use the money for Social Security.

SOUTH ASIAN LEADERS BRING RENEWED HOPE OF PEACE

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to praise the recent breakthrough in relations between India and Pakistan.

Last week, Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif traveled on the first commercial bus service between the two countries in 51 years, arriving in Lahore, Pakistan, to discuss the future of those nations. This seemingly modest but symbolically important change brings renewed hope that the decades of hostility and conflict may soon come to an end.

In an historic meeting, the two leaders agreed to work together to reduce the risk between their newly nuclear states. They have agreed to continue their declared moratoriums on future nuclear testing, exchange information on warhead numbers and deployment, and provide advanced notification of future missile tests. India and Pakistan also have committed to signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty within the next few months; and, importantly, they have agreed to intensify efforts to resolve the difficult issue of Kashmir.

Mr. Speaker, they should be encouraged by all Members of this body. This can be a breakthrough in relations between India and Pakistan.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to address the House for a minute today, and today I would like to speak not just as a Congressman from the Fifth District of Texas but really as a parent.

My wife and I have a five-year-old Down syndrome little boy who is about to enter the school system in Dallas, Texas; and the discussion that my wife and I had was that we believe, as parents, that the Federal Government and our local school system should do a better job of funding the special education needs in not only our children but other special education children. And I hope that the American public is listening when they hear the Republican majority talking about the need for the Federal Government and the Congress to fully fund special needs and special education in school districts across this country.

That is what the Federal money should be spent for, because we are the people that put the rules and regulations on these school districts, and we need to fund that which we have asked them to do.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the American public is listening, that the Republican majority does care about education, and we care about each and every one of our children.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 1999

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 76 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 76

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 438) to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Commerce now printed in the bill. Each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum

time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 76 is an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 438, the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999. H. Res. 76 is a wide-open rule providing 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of Rule 13 which by rule requires a 3-day layover for the committee report.

H. Res. 76 further allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority and recognition to those Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to the consideration.

The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and to reduce to 5 minutes the voting time on any proposed postponed question provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, as is the right of the minority.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 438 will promote public safety and consistency in the provision of emergency services through the universal use of 911 and enable States to develop the necessary communications infrastructure to provide such emergency services. Millions of Americans already know that 911 is the number to dial when they are in trouble and need emergency assistance. However, for thousands of miles across the country this is simply not true. Other numbers are used or no emergency system exists at all. H.R. 438 helps to end the confusion and makes 911 the universal emergency number.